

World History Through Nature's Lens

World History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What ancient civilization is credited with domesticating the horse, significantly impacting transportation and warfare?

- A) Ancient Egyptians
- B) Indus Valley Civilization
- C) Sumerians**
- D) Ancient Greeks

2. The Silk Road, a vital trade route in ancient and medieval times, was named after which highly prized commodity, often transported by camels across vast distances?

- A) Spices
- B) Silk**
- C) Gold
- D) Gems

3. What large land mammal was a primary source of food, labor, and transportation for many indigenous peoples of the Americas before European arrival?

- A) Elephant
- B) Bison**
- C) Camel
- D) Rhino

4. The discovery of the Americas by Europeans led to the 'Columbian Exchange,' which involved the transfer of plants, animals, culture, human populations, technology, diseases, and ideas. Which common European food crop was introduced to the Americas during this exchange?

- A) Corn
- B) Potato
- C) Wheat**
- D) Tomato

5. Which ancient Roman engineering feat often involved aqueducts that brought fresh water to cities, demonstrating advanced knowledge of hydrology and natural resources?

- A) Pyramids
- B) Great Wall
- C) Aqueducts**
- D) Colosseum

6. The Industrial Revolution, beginning in the 18th century, heavily relied on which natural resource for power and fuel, leading to significant environmental changes?

- A) Wood
- B) Coal**
- C) Oil
- D) Natural Gas

7. During the Age of Exploration, which spice was so valuable that it was once traded for its weight in gold and played a role in the economic and political rivalries between European powers?

- A) Cinnamon
- B) Pepper
- C) Nutmeg**
- D) Saffron

8. The Nile River was crucial for the development of which ancient civilization, providing fertile land for agriculture and a means of transportation?

- A) Mesopotamian
- B) Egyptian**
- C) Chinese
- D) Roman

9. Which massive animal was crucial for the survival of Plains Native American tribes, providing food, shelter, and clothing?

- A) Moose
- B) Deer
- C) Buffalo (Bison)**
- D) Elk

10. The construction of the Panama Canal, a major engineering feat completed in the early 20th century, involved significant challenges related to the local environment, including tropical diseases and dense jungle. What major body of water did it connect?

- A) Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean
- B) Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea
- C) Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean**
- D) Indian Ocean and Atlantic Ocean